

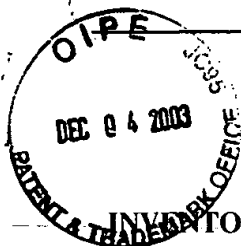
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Honorable Commissioner:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The prosecution of the application is closed because the last Office Action was a Final Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Amendment and Response previously submitted on August 4, 2003, in response to the Final Office Action be entered.

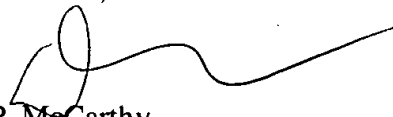
A check for the fee of \$385.00 (small entity) is enclosed. Please charge any additional required fees (beyond the enclosed check) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0581.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of December, 2003.

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